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San Diego's New Harvey Milk Street is the First in the Country Blaine Avenue In Hillcrest Will Now Be Harvey Milk Street

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 8, 2012) – San Diego has become the first city in the nation to honor Harvey Milk with a street bearing his name. The San Diego City Council today approved renaming Blaine Avenue in Hillcrest as Harvey Milk Street.

"Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader remains strong, and today's action affirms the City of San Diego's belief in his work for equality for all people," said Councilmember Todd Gloria, who represents the neighborhood of Hillcrest. "It is an honor to vote today to solidify Milk's position as a true advocate for under-represented people, and a privilege to have my colleagues stand united with me for this historic action."

The renaming effort was led by local neighbors seeking to provide a lasting tribute to Milk. All costs for permitting and the new signs were paid for by private contributions.

During the hearing, Councilmember Gloria thanked the community members and City staff who played roles in this project.

Street signs are expected to be changed by May 22, which would have been Milk's birthday. A public celebration is being planned by community members for the occasion.

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